

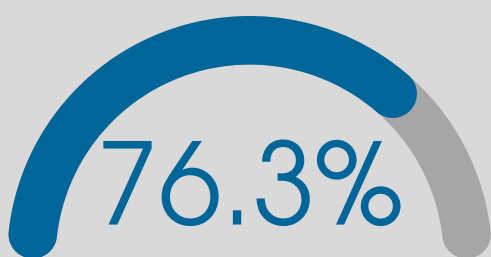
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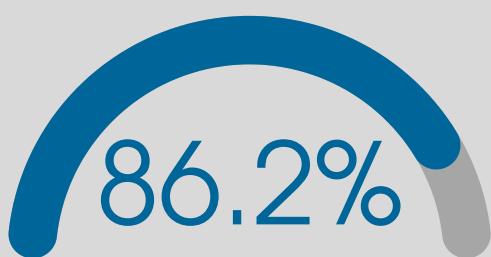
53.8% OF ALL SOUTH CAROLINA
COVID-19 CASES ARE
FEMALE

Most of the cases are women of working and child rearing age, with an average age of **39.3 years** and median age of **37.0 years**.

Of the **2,106,936 adult women** (18+) living in South Carolina, **52.9%** work often in service-oriented industries being hit the hardest by COVID-19

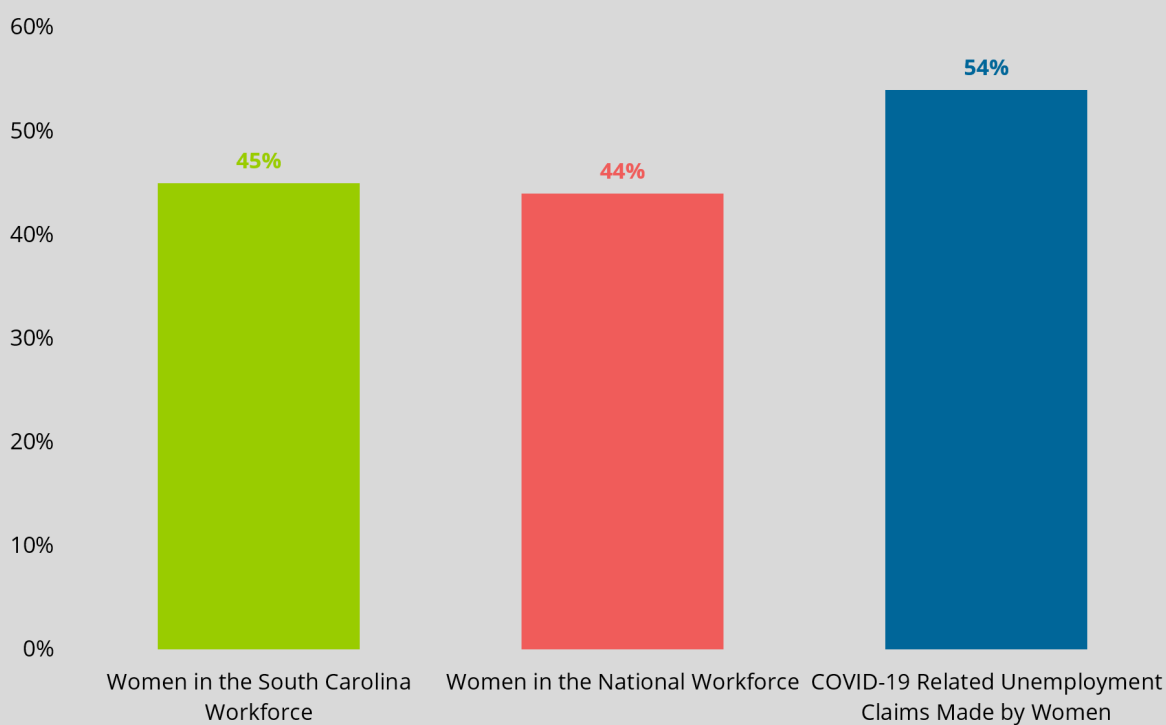


of the South Carolina workforce employed in educational services, health care, and social assistance is female



of all South Carolina COVID-19 cases among healthcare workers are female

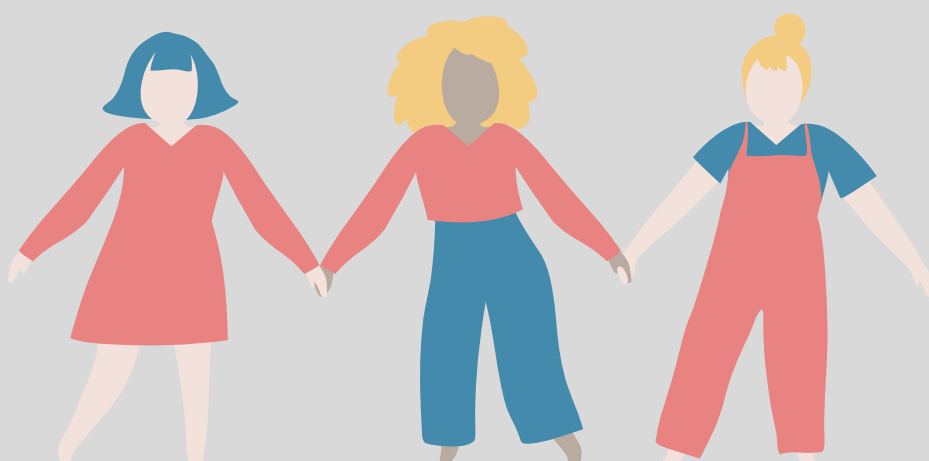
COMPARING PRE-COVID WORKFORCE TO COVID-19 RELATED UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG WOMEN



Prior to COVID-19, women comprised **44%** of the national workforce and **45%** of South Carolina's workforce.

Yet, **54%** of all COVID-19 related unemployment claims come from women.

This translates to **402,071** jobs held and lost by South Carolina women this year.



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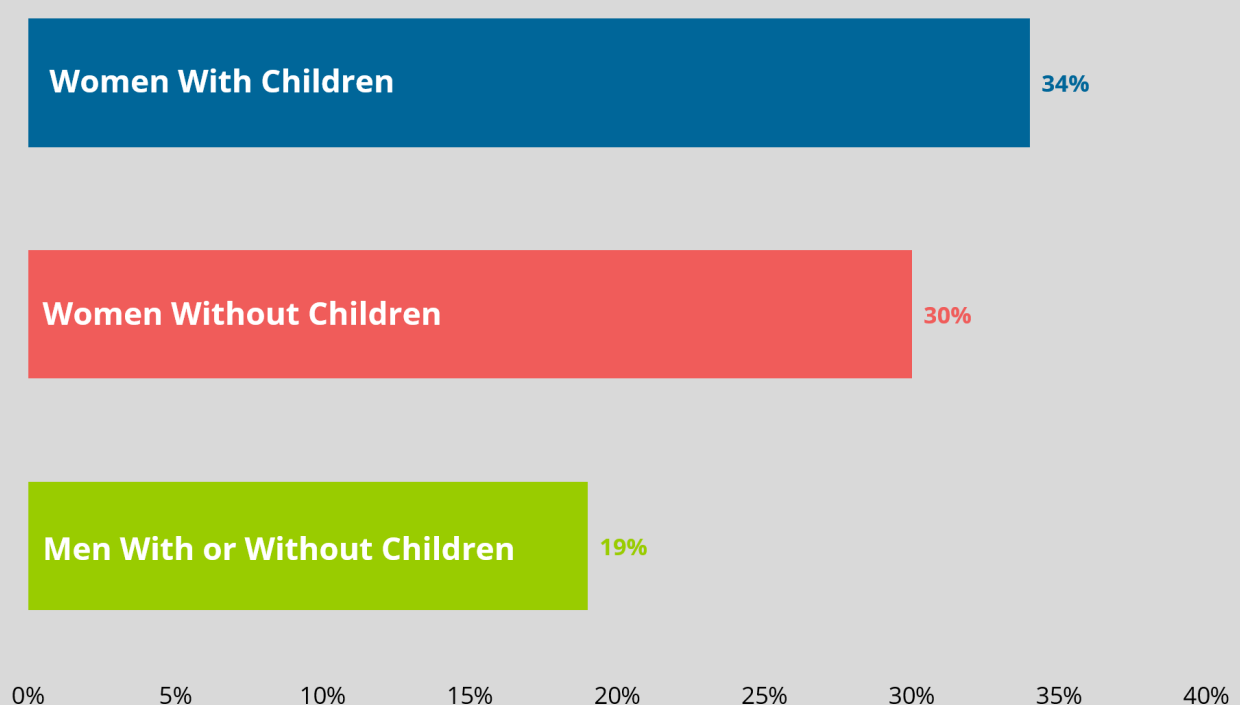


Women aged 25-44 are almost **3 times more likely** than men to not be working due to COVID-19 related childcare issues.



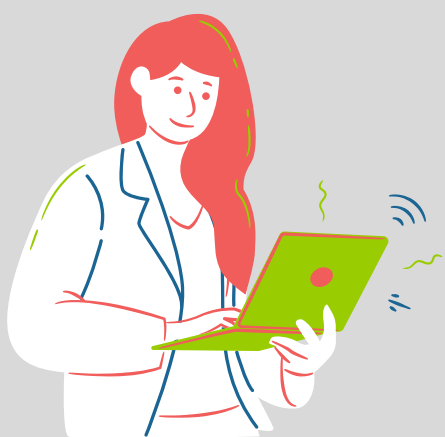
In June, **1 in 3 working mothers** reported they were the only ones providing care for their children, compared to **1 in 10 men**.

MEN AND WOMEN REPORTING EMOTIONAL DISTRESS DURING COVID-19 (SUMMER 2020)



The **gap in percent** of men and women experiencing levels of **anxiety** and **depression** is widening during COVID-19.

The highest levels (34%) are found in women with children. This translates to between **632,080 and 716,358 South Carolina women** currently experiencing emotional and/or psychological distress.



Women in the workforce are **more susceptible to COVID-19 related economic hardships**, particularly related to the **imbalanced burden of childcare-related issues**.



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